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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 September 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2-28,42 and 43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 3-11,13-15,21,28,42 and 43 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 16,20,22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2,12,17-19 and 24-27 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 2-28,42 and 43 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee et al. 5,950,875.

Lee et al. disclose a foam dispenser drive system for a mixing module rod (56) (col. 3, ll. 42-65), which comprises a driver (66), a means for converting a rotational drive force into a linear reciprocation drive force for reciprocation of the mixing module rod functioning as a valve rod relative to one or more foam chemical passageways in a mixing module receiving the mixing module rod (col. 6, ll. 66-67 onto col. 7 and 8, ll. 1-67 and onto col. 9, ll. 1-32), wherein the linear reciprocation drive force has a linear direction coincident with a linear reciprocation of the mixing module rod reciprocated by the drive system, and the rotational drive force has a rotation axis extending in a common direction with a rotation axis of a drive shaft of the driver as seen in Figures 2,6 and 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. 5,950,875 in view of Sperry et al. 5,964,378.

Lee et al. have taught all the features of the claimed invention except that the driver is a DC brushless motor. Sperry et al. teach the use of a DC brushless motor (col. 20, ll. 54-67 onto col. 21, ll. 1-9).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the motor of Lee et al. to be a DC brushless motor as taught by Sperry et al. in (col. 20, ll. 54-67 onto col. 21, ll. 1-9), in order to maintain a constant flow rate ratio.

5. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. 5,950,875.

Lee et al. have taught all the features of the claimed invention except that the driver includes a motor generating 10,000 lbf. of drive force.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art to have the motor of Lee et al. generates 10,000 lbf. of drive force, because applicant has not disclosed that having a motor generates 10,000 lbf. of drive force provides an advantage, is used for a particular purpose, or solves a stated problem. One of ordinary skill in the art, furthermore, would have expected applicant's invention to perform

equally well with the motor of Lee et al., because the motor of Lee et al. operates the system.

Therefore, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify the motor of Lee et al. to obtain the invention specified in claim (20).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3-11,13-15,21,28,42-43 are allowed.
7. Claims 2,12,17-19,24-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 9/6/2005 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be

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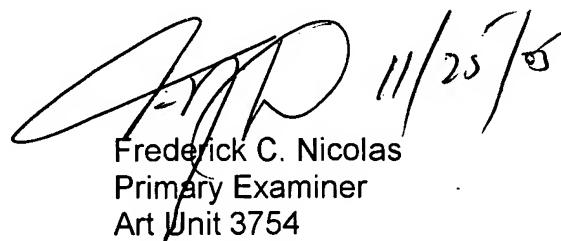
calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick C. Nicolas whose telephone number is (571)-272-4931. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Y. Mar, can be reached on 571-272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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